THE HAYNER PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

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Things to Know...
About The Hayner Public Library District

MAILING LIST UPDATE
The mailing list for the quarterly newsletter is being updated beginning with this issue. Please contact the library if your address has changed, a correction is needed, if you would like to be added to the mailing list or deleted from the mailing list.

LIBRARY CLOSINGS
The library will be closed at all three locations on the following dates: Sunday, June 15 for Father's Day; Friday, July 4 for Independence Day; Sunday, August 31 and Monday September 1, for Labor Day.

BE A WINNER WITH TEAM IREAD

Enjoy a winning season this summer as part of Hayner Library's Team IREAD. Registration for Summer Reading Club opens Saturday, June 7 at the Youth Library and the Alton Square Branch Library. Even the smallest prereaders can participate by listening to books being read to them! Children under the age of 12 must be accompanied at registration by an adult. Just fifteen minutes of reading time each day can put you in the winner's circle this summer!

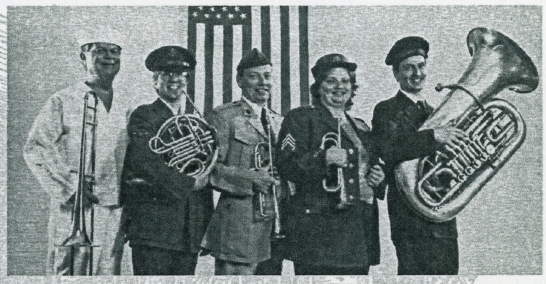
If you are age 12-15 you can sign yourself up for our Teen Team and help us select the ten best books for our Hot Picks of Summer 1997. The winning books and the Teen Team will be featured in the library's Fall Newsletter.

Read six hours and win a Team IREAD decal! Read twelve hours and win a Team IREAD pencil! Read eighteen hours and win a Team IREAD button! Read twenty-four hours and win a Team IREAD poster! Read thirty hours and win a Team IREAD medal and have your name and picture displayed in the Youth Library's Hall of Fame! Everyone who turns in at least six hours of reading time by August 4 will be eligible to attend our End of Summer Party on August 7 at the Riverbend Arena, Lewis & Clark Community College, and receive a free paperback book as a reading award. Those who cannot attend the party can pick up their books at the Youth Library between August 8 and 30.

The school with the highest percentage of readers completing the summer program will be awarded the Friends of Hayner Library Traveling Summer Reading Trophy for 1997.

All library programs and events are free and open to all residents and cardholders of the Hayner Public Library District. For more information, call the Youth Library at 462-0652 or the Alton Square Branch Library at 463-1276. Registration for all programs and events opens June 7 unless otherwise indicated.

Due to demand, we regret that we cannot accept any summer program registrations by phone. Registrations must be in person only at the site indicated.



The Metro Brass Ensemble is the featured entertainment at the End of Summer Party on August 7 at the Riverbend Arena.

The audience of Pieces of 8 concert - (back row) Sarah, Bonniesue and George Wadleigh (front row) Ann Tucker, Jordan Compis and Susan Compis

Pieces of 8 a acappela ensemble - on April 17th

SPECIAL EVENTS

That's A Winner! Video Film Festival

Weekly video film programs for children of all ages, accompanied by adults, are offered on Thursday afternoons at 3:30 p.m. at the Youth Library. No advance registration required. Show dates are: June 19, 26; July 10, 17, 24, 31. A list of the scheduled video films will be available after June 7.

First (Annual) Summer Storyfest!

Our first-ever summer storytelling festival for families will feature the combined talents of the Riverwinds Storytellers. Join us on Sunday, July 27, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Youth Library. Fun for the entire family! Registration for this event will open Saturday, July 19 at the Youth Library. Children must be accompanied by adults.

Don't Forget to Sign up for Summer Reading Club!

THE TELEGRAPH INDEX PROJECT

The TELEGRAPH INDEX PROJECT has been a work in progress for some twenty years. Its intent was to create an index of the past editions of the TELEGRAPH and its predecessors, THE ALTON EVENING TELEGRAPH, THE ALTON OBSERVER, THE WEEKLY TELEGRAPH & THE DAILY TELEGRAPH.

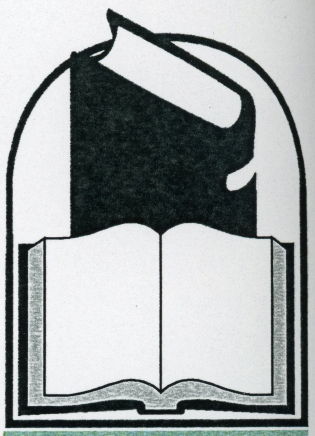
This project began in 1977 and proposed to continue the detailed indexing of the daily newspaper which had first been undertaken in the 1930s as a federal work project. That first effort had indexed the TELEGRAPH from its initial publication in May 1838 through 1934. The index made the TELEGRAPH a priceless resource for local history and genealogical researchers. The new project, funded initially by the Jennie D. Hayner Association with some assistance from the Alton Foundation, has thus far completed indexing the 1930s, 1970s and 1980s with current plans to go back and fill in the intervening thirty years while simultaneously keeping up with the editions of the 1990s.

Articles from designated River Bend geographical areas were to be indexed and edited by Subject and Name Headings for speedier research purpose for the use of the library patrons. In order to accomplish this goal, all newspapers had to be screened, articles selected, proofed, data entered and then proofed once again before being microfiched for posterity. All the Subject Headings and Name Headings also had to be revised and updated from decade to decade as events such as business, social and legal entities progressed, closed or changed.

The index project was for some years financed under the auspices of the Jennie D. Hayner Library Association but in the 1980s became an ongoing fiscal commitment of the Hayner Public Library District Board of Trustees.

Current staff members of the TELEGRAPH INDEX PROJECT are Martha Fry and Midge Hallett and they are housed in the Tech-Support Services of the library and are supervised by Barbara Ulffers. The index is used on a daily basis by patrons who are doing historical or genealogical research. They also use the index for clipping and xeroxing personal or family articles that they either missed clipping or lost since the article's publication date. The microfilm readers are used for quick location of articles needed and also have xeroxing capabilities built into the machines in order to instantly produce copies of information needed and are a most popular service for patrons.

The work is ongoing and continues to be indexed through the current date. Looking back in time, some of the most valued information that has been obtained for books of the history of Alton and its cultural institutions have only been possible through the insight of civic leaders and the Hayner Library Board and personnel through the years, who from early on recognized that these recorded writings would be the only standing links of the community's historical events to those of the future.



NEW AND FORTHCOMING BOOKS: NON-FICTION

Barry, Dave. DAVE BARRY'S BOOK OF BAD SONGS
DeSalle, Rob. THE SCIENCE OF JURASSIC PARK AND THE LOST WORLD; OR, HOW TO BUILD A DINOSAUR
Krakauer, John. INTO THIN AIR: A PERSONAL ACCOUNT OF THE MT. EVEREST DISASTER
Kwitny, Jonathan. MAN OF THE CENTURY: THE LIFE AND TIMES OF POPE JOHN PAUL II
Lee, Spike. BEST SEAT IN THE HOUSE: A BASKETBALL MEMOIR
Sagan, Carl. BILLIONS AND BILLIONS: THOUGHTS ON LIFE AND DEATH AT THE BRINK OF THE MILLENNIUM

NEW AND FORTHCOMING BOOKS: FICTION

Barret, Neil, Jr. BAD EYE BLUES
Bradley, Marion Zimmer. LADY OF AVALON
Brown, Sandra. FAT TUESDAY
Burke, James Lee. CIMARRON ROSE
Clark, Mary Higgins. PRETEND YOU DON'T SEE HER
Fielding, Joy. MISSING PIECES
Kaminsky, Stuart M. A FATAL GLASS OF BEER
L'Amour, Louis. END OF THE DRIVE
O'Brien, Edna. DOWN BY THE RIVER
Quick, Amanda. AFFAIR
Ramos, Manuel. BLUES FOR THE BUFFALO
Robbins, Harold. STILETTO
Robinson, Patrick. NIMITZ CLASS
Roessner, Michaela. THE STARS DISPOSE
Siddons, Anne Rivers. UP ISLAND
Weldon, Fay. WICKED WOMEN
Woods, Stuart. DEAD IN THE WATER

PATRON PROFILE

by Bernadette Duvernoy,
Library Assistant

Welcome to Patron Profile! The staff at Hayner Library enjoys the opportunity to get to know many of our patrons. We are often amazed at the diversity of your background and experience! From all walks of life, all parts of the country, you have made Alton your home. We consider ourselves fortunate to make your acquaintance and thought it would be interesting to share your stories with our readership.

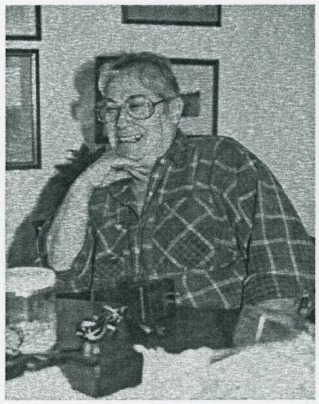
Rena Altenritter, a long-time resident of Alton, is a lady of seemingly boundless energy. She works part-time in Schnucks' floral department and also provides caretaking services for two local senior citizens. She comes by the library often to rent videos or pick up a new biography. Mrs. Altenritter's own biography would make a fine story itself!

Mrs. Altenritter grew up attending school in New York during the winter and working the family farm in Vermont during the summer. After high school, Mrs. Altenritter was off to Italy to study at the School of Fine Arts in Milan. The entrepreneurial urge was too strong to resist, and she gave up her studies to tour Italy with her father and work at setting up an import/export business. Upon returning to the states, Mrs. Altenritter embarked upon another career. Living in Woodstock, New York, she had her own radio show interviewing many of the famous artists from the local art colony.

Though Mrs. Altenritter met her husband, Ted, at the tender age of seven, they did wait a few years before they were married. Her husband was a merchant seaman with one significant problem - he suffered from seasickness. Thus he decided to give up life on the sea for life on the river. The Altenritters moved to Alton in 1958, and Mr. Altenritter went to work for the Corps of Engineers in St. Louis.

Mrs. Altenritter's husband has passed away, and her children are grown. Her son lives in Boulder, Colorado, and her daughter lives in Minnesota.

Mrs. Altenritter has big plans for this fall. With a crew of 30 people, she is going to sail a 130-foot ship up the coast of Maine. And next year she will be working on a dude ranch, horseback riding and driving cattle! Best wishes, Mrs. Altenritter, for a great trip – we look forward to hearing your tales of the high seas.



Rena Altenritter

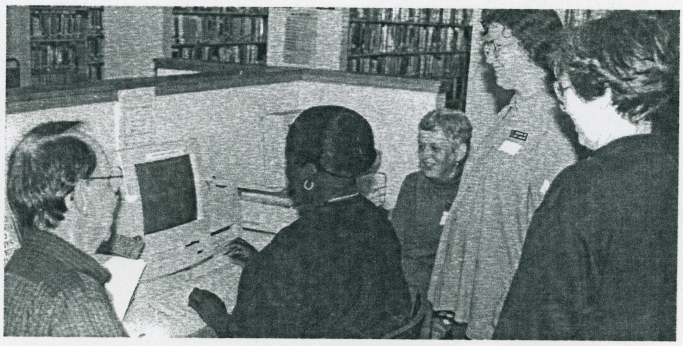
LIBRARY USERS NOW ABLE TO RESERVE THEIR OWN BOOKS

by Susan Kulasekara,
Adult Services & Reference Librarian

Patrons at the Hayner Main, Youth and Branch libraries may now place their own reserves on books, videos, and other materials without asking for help at the circulation desk. You may place the reserves either from an online catalog at any site, or from home if you can dial into our catalog with a computer and a modem.

When you see a record for an item you want to order, type R to request the item. The computer will then ask you to enter your library card number (this can be found on the back of your library card). After you enter your number, you will get a message saying that your request has successfully been entered. We will call you when the materials you have requested arrive.

Please call the library if you have any questions about this new service!



Friends of Library donated money for purchase of 3 Macintosh computers and printers for Main, Youth and the Branch Library. From left: Gail Weinrich (FOL), Tomeka Davis (patron), Pat Renault (FOL) sitting). Standing from left: Nancy Boyd (FOL), Susan Wilkinson (FOL). Photo taken at Main Library.

ESPECIALLY FOR SENIORS

by Susan Kulasekara,
Adult Services & Reference Librarian

Travel

Malott, Gene. GET UP AND GO: A GUIDE FOR THE MATURE TRAVELER (910.2 MAL)

Palmer, Paige. THE SENIOR CITIZEN'S GUIDE TO BUDGET TRAVEL IN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA (917.3 PAL)

Williams, Anita. THE 50+ TRAVELER'S GUIDEBOOK: WHERE TO GO, WHERE TO STAY, WHAT TO DO (910.202 WIL)

Personal Finance

Benna, R. Theodore. ESCAPING THE COMING RETIREMENT CRISIS: HOW TO SECURE YOUR FINANCIAL FUTURE (332.024 BEN)

Budish, Amy. GOLDEN OPPORTUNITIES: HUNDREDS OF MONEY-MAKING, MONEY-SAVING GEMS FOR ANYONE OVER FIFTY (332.024 BUD)

Leonard, Frances. MONEY AND THE MATURE WOMAN: HOW TO HOLD ON TO YOUR INCOME, KEEP YOUR HOME, PLAN YOUR ESTATE (332.024 LEO)

Orman, Suze. YOU'VE EARNED IT, DON'T LOSE IT: MISTAKES YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO MAKE WHEN YOU RETIRE (332.024 ORM)

Patterson, Martha Priddy. THE WORKING WOMAN'S GUIDE TO RETIREMENT PLANNING: SAVING & INVESTING (NOW) FOR A SECURE FUTURE (332.024 PAT)

Scholen, Ken. YOUR NEW RETIREMENT NEST EGG: A CONSUMER GUIDE TO THE NEW REVERSE MORTGAGES (332.63 SCH)

SECURE YOUR FUTURE: YOUR PERSONAL COMPANION FOR UNDERSTANDING LIFESTYLE AND FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF RETIREMENT (332.024 SEC)

Lifestyle

Beers, Mark H. AGING IN GOOD HEALTH: AN ESSENTIAL, COMPLETE GUIDE FOR OLDER MEN AND WOMEN AND THEIR FAMILIES (613.0438 BEE)

Belsky, Janet. HERE TOMORROW: MAKING THE MOST OF LIFE AFTER FIFTY (305.26 BEL)

Cirino, Linda D. ON YOUR OWN TERMS: THE SENIORS GUIDE TO AN INDEPENDENT LIFE (646.79 CIR)

Employment

Bird, Caroline. SECOND CAREERS: NEW WAYS TO WORK AFTER FIFTY (650.14 BIR)

Fyock, Catherine D. UNRETIREMENT: A CAREER GUIDE FOR THE RETIRED THE SOON-TO-BE-RETIRED THE NEVER-WANT-TO-BE-RETIRED (331.398 FYO)

May, Bess Ritter. STARTING AND OPERATING A BUSINESS AFTER YOU RETIRE: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW TO SUCCEED (658.041 MAY)

RESUMES FOR THE 50+ JOB HUNTER (650.14 RES)

If we've missed you or you have a friend who would like to receive our newsletter, please fill out the coupon below and return to any Hayner Library location.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

ACTIVITY GROUPS

Ready-Set-Go Readers!

Preschool Story Times for ages 3-5. Two groups, meeting Tuesday and Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. at the Youth Library. Limit of 25 children per group. Your child must be three years old as of June 1, 1997 to register for this program. Meeting dates are: June 17/18, 24/25; July 8/9, 15/16, 22/23, 29/30. Programs include stories, songs, fingerplays, puppet shows, videos and movement activities.

Little Dream Team!

Family Bedtime Stories for ages 2-5. One group, meeting Wednesday evenings at 8:00 p.m. at the Youth Library. Limit of 15 children, accompanied by adults. Your child must be two years old as of June 1 to register for this program. Meeting dates are: June 18, 25; July 9, 16, 23, 30. Programs include stories, songs, fingerplays and movement activities.

Magic Markers!

Craft activities for ages 6-8. Three weeklong sessions, meeting Monday-Friday, 2-3 p.m. at the Youth Library. Limit of 20 children per session. Your child must be six years old as of June 1 to register for this program. Session dates are: Session I: June 23-27; Session II: July 7-11; Session III: July 21-25. Programs include cooperative crafts and team activities.

Artful Dodgers!

Crafts and activities for ages 9-11. Two weeklong sessions, meeting Monday-Friday, 2-3 p.m. at the Youth Library. Limit of 10 children per session. Your child must be nine years old as of June 1 to register for this program. Session dates are: Session I: June 23-27; Session II: July 14-18. Programs include cooperative crafts and team activities.

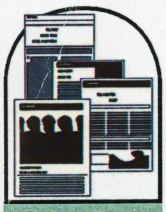
J.D. Junior Volunteers!

Volunteer opportunity for ages 12-15. Each volunteer works one day per week in the Youth Library, from June 16 through August 15. Limit of 10 volunteers for the summer. You must be 12 years old as of June 1 to volunteer for this program. Applications accepted at the Youth Library beginning May 27. You can pick up an application packet at the Youth Library beginning May 1.

"Libraries connect children to a world far bigger than their own."

RELAY FOR LIFE
AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY
A TEAM EVENT TO FIGHT CANCER

Twelve members from the Hayner Library staff will be participating in the American Cancer Society's First Annual Relay to be held on June 13 and 14 at Lewis & Clark Community College. "Hayner Hoofers" is the name adopted by the team. They will be participating in a 24-hour relay which begins at 6 p.m. Friday, June 13 and ends at 6 p.m. Saturday, June 14. Each participant is responsible for raising $100 for the Cancer Society. Come cheer the staff on during the weekend.



LAMINATING SERVICE

Do you realize that there is another little-known service available to you at your library? It is our laminating service. Prolong the life of special keepsakes or add protection to important documents by simply taking advantage of the laminating machine we have in the business office area of the library. It's quick and easy, especially if you keep the following in mind:

1) Please call ahead! Due to the extreme heat the machine puts out, we only "fire it up" when it's needed. Call us and allow approximately 30 minutes and we will be ready when you arrive.

2) The cost is .05 per inch of item(s) to be laminated with a nominal service charge of $1.00 added.

3) All items must be laminator ready when you arrive. Smaller pieces must be taped together with approximately 1/2" of space between each piece. (Please remember to tape on tape, front to back, so the tape won't catch on the laminating film.) Sorry, but supplies are not available at the library.

4) Our laminator can accommodate items up to 25 inches wide and any length!

5) The laminating service is available from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday. Service is not available on weekends. The laminating machine is in the library's business office, located on the lower level of the Youth Library, rear entrance.

"Libraries provide a wealth of books, computers and other resources that no parent could possibly afford."

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Branch 463-1276
Youth 462-0652
Administration 462-0677

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Branch FAX 463-1277
Administration FAX 462-4919
Dial-A-Story 462-8253

Hours of Operation

Main & Youth Libraries
Mon - Thurs, 8 am to 8 pm
Friday, 8 am to 5 pm
Saturday, 9 am to 5 pm
Sunday, 1 pm to 4 pm

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Sunday, Noon to 6 pm

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